

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The arguments presented in the Appeal Brief filed 1/14/2010 are persuasive. In particular, the argument that the prior art does not show a security executable in user mode is utilized to create a list of authorized applications in a database on the network ("multi-user system") for the user, with a hook function being attached to **all new applications when the computer user logs onto the network**. The **hook function is used to send a message including the ID for each application**. The system is somewhat interactive in that the list of authorized IDs is automatically queried when the user seeks to initiate an application to determine whether the ID for the application to be initiated is within the list of authorized applications. If so, the security executable "answers" the query by allowing the user to have access to the application. If not, the application to be initiated is terminated, whereby the user is prevented from running the application along with the other limitations of the claim. The closest prior art Winneg et al uses a hook function but does not add the hook function to all new applications or send a message to a security executable module.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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